GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MISSING FOREIGN STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of foreign students are studying in higher educational institutions including engineering and medical colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof,State-wise,country-wise;

(c) whether some of the students have gone missing in India;

(d) if so, the details thereof;and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)&(b): As per available information, as on 31.12.2007, a total of 28,842 foreign students are reported to be registered as studying in various educational institutions in India including engineering and medical colleges.State-wise and country-wise statistics of foreign students registered is annexed.

(c)to(e): Law Enforcement Agencies maintain a vigil to intercept overstaying/missing foreigners including foreign students.The detection and deportation of overstaying foreigners,including foreign students,is a continuous process.Powers to detect and deport such foreign nationals have been delegated to States/UTs under Section 3(2)(c) of the Foreigners Act,1946.